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## Message from Tora:

Finally the third project by Bakaot-scans. I've been trying to get this moving since late January. The holdup was because we were originally working with public raws, but...they are too horrible to work with, so I used the generous donation money someone sent in earlier for this project! And since I have the first volume, why not start from chapter 1? Honestly, just read Bakaot's, it's better quality. Why I've decided to pick up this manga is because I was talking to the translator who was from the former group and she said she was still willing to translate it. So why not? And I still haven't worked out the schedule since the first two chapters are long...don't work with people... with lives and feelings...Enjoy!!

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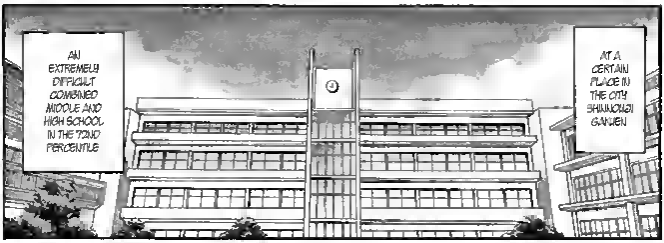
LIFE IS FOR THE SAKE OF BECOMING WHAT YOU WANT TO BE.
YOU WORKED HARD TO MOVE YOUR RANK UP FOR THE SCHOOL YOU WANTED TO GO TO AFTER ALL!
Congrats on last exam!
MY SCORES IN MATH AND SCIENCE WENT UP!
I DID IT!
81
85
SFX: HONK
100
SFX: TOSS
HMPH
HE BLOWS HIS NOSE ON A 100 POINT TEST... WHAT IS THE FATE OF THIS INTOLERABLE MAN?
act1: THE GIRL AND AKUTO

T.L.N. THE WORD "AKUTO" CAN ALSO MEAN "A VILLAIN," BUT IN THIS CASE IT'S HIS NAME (THE AUTHOR IS DOING A PLAY ON WORDS)

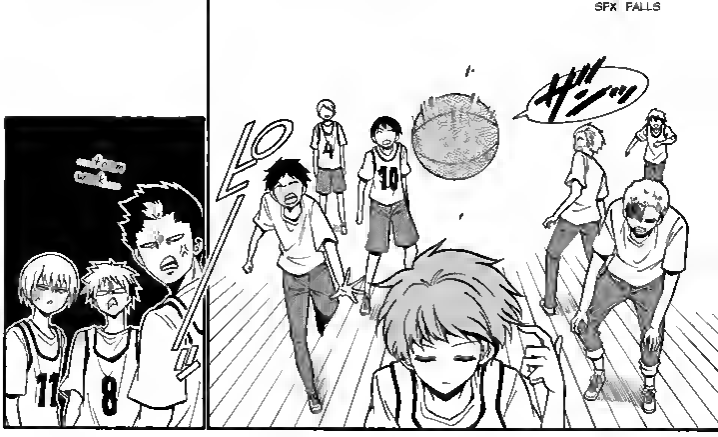
# act1: THE GIRL AND AKUTO


AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT COMBINED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL IN THE 72ND PERCENTILE
AT A CERTAIN PLACE IN THE CITY SHUKUGAWA GAKUEN

SFX: PASSES

SFX: CATCHES

SFX: BOUNCE
PASS IT OVER HERE!
I, THAT'S IT!
IKU-RUMI!
crap!
OH!
SFX: SLIPS PAST
※teammate
WH AA AA AA AT!?
He ignored me?!
SFX: DRIBBLE DRIBBLE
SFX: JUMPS


SFX FALLS
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THAT JERK IKURUMI SHOWING OFF...

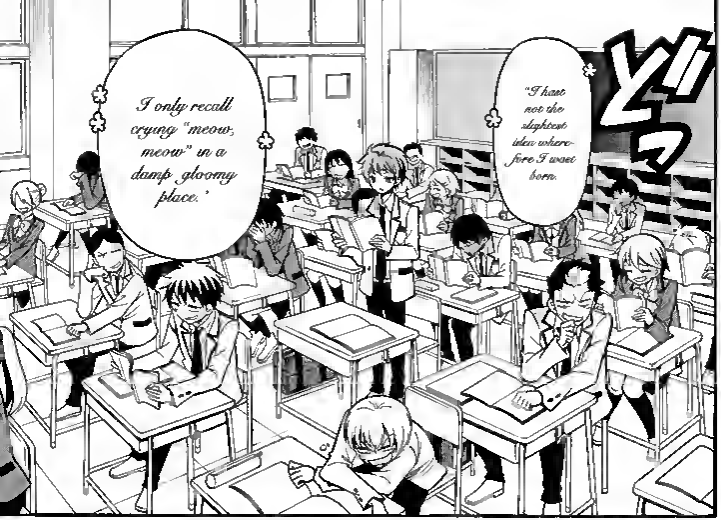
BUT HE GOT 100 IN ALL FIVE SUBJECTS ON THE MIDTERM, YOU KNOW
DOES HE THINK HE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL, OR SOMETHING?
YEAH YEAH, JUST LIKE ALWAYS RIGHT?
ACTING LIKE HE DOESN'T EVEN SEE US

JUST QUIT SCHOOL ALREADY!
HUH!?
100
チラ
WHAT WAS THAT TEACHER THINKING?
AND HE STILL GOT 100 IN ALL FIVE SUBJECTS!
type type type
THIS TIME I ASKED A TEACHER WHO'S ALWAYS MAD AT HIM TO GIVE HIM TEST QUESTIONS ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE T UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS!
WRONG!

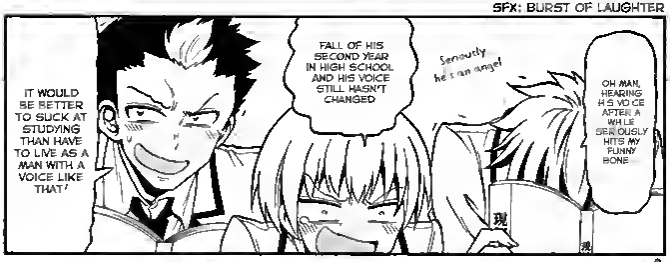
IKURUMI AKUTO READ
WELL THEN, LET'S HAVE STUDENT NUMBER 3
LET'S START CLASS
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A PERFECT PERSON...
STILL,

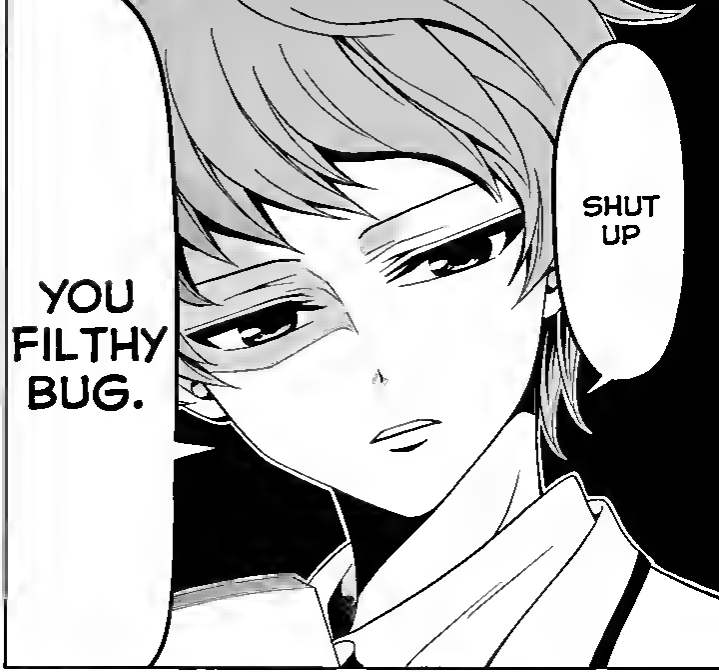
SFX: BREATHES IN
すう...
ガタ...
SFX: CLATTER

HIGH TONE
"I be-
ith a
cat.
I have not
yet a name."
ハイトーン
SFX GIGGLE
SFX SNICKER



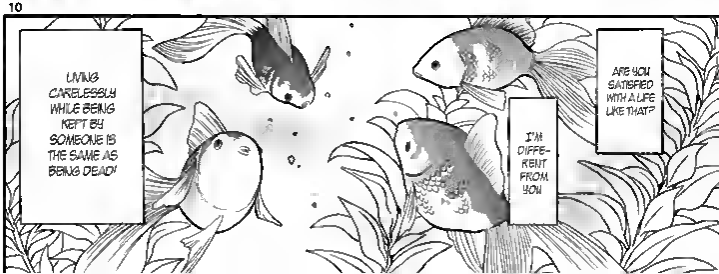

SFX: BURST OF LAUGHTER


OH MAN, HEARING HIS VOICE AFTER A WHILE SERIOUSLY HITS MY FUNNY BONE
Seriously he's an angel
FALL OF HIS SECOND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL AND HIS VOICE STILL HASN'T CHANGED
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SUCK AT STUDYING THAN HAVE TO LIVE AS A MAN WITH A VOICE LIKE THAT!


YOU FILTHY BUG.
SHUT UP

YOU LOWER LIFE FORMS YOU WERE RAISED IN A GREENHOUSE TO GATHER AND EAT AS LONG AS FOOD IS FED TO YOU
YES SIR
I-IKUMI
HURRY UP AND READ THE REST
WHAAAT DID YOU SAY!?
!!?
WHAT A SIMPLE FELLOW TO ONLY BE ABLE TO UPHOLD THE STABILITY IN YOUR HEART BY LOOKING FOR BAD POINTS IN OTHERS.




LIVING CARELESSLY WHILE BEING KEPT BY SOMEONE IS THE SAME AS BEING DEAD!
I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU
ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH A LIFE LIKE THAT?

STANDING ABOVE ALL AND CONTROLLING THE MASSES
THAT IS THE WAY OF LIFE I ASPIRE TO!

ALTHOUGH IT SICKENS ME JUST TO BREATHE THE SAME AIR AS THESE WORMS.
I'LL ENDURE
"MORE OVER, I HEARD AFTERWARD THAT THAT WAS THE KIND OF HUMAN CALLED A SERVANT.
THE MOST VICIOUS RACE OF ALL."
LEARNING ABOUT THE LOWER LIFEFORMS IS ALSO A FORM OF STUDYING

WH-
AREN'T YOU SKIPPING OVER SOMETHING?
Quit looking at me!
HE'S GOT THE WHOLE STORY MEMORIZED
HE'S A MONSTER

AT THIS RATE YOU'LL ATTEND T UNI VERSITY JOIN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND BECOME A POLITICIAN LIKE YOUR FATHER DID, RIGHT?
BUT YOU DID WELL, TO GET 6TH OUT OF 450,000 PEOPLE.
進路指導室
全国共通模試
順位表(東京版)
私立神王寺学園高等部
2年A組
WELL,
AS EXPECTED, THERE WAS NO WAY YOU COULD GET 1ST PLACE FIVE TIMES IN A ROW ON A NATIONAL LEVEL PRACTICE TEST.

IT'S QUITE COMMON TO NOT HAVE YOUR FUTURE DECIDED EVEN IF YOU CAN GET INTO A GOOD COLLEGE
WELL, EVEN IF YOU DON'T SAY IT, I UNDER-STAND
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I'M SAYING I WON'T LOSE JUST BECAUSE MY ANSWER SHEET WAS SWITCHED
NO NEED TO BE MODEST.
I'M NOT REALLY WORKING HARD.
EITHER WAY, YOU'RE ALREADY 1ST IN THE SCHOOL. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE WORK-ING HARD.

IMAGE
YOU NEED TO WORK HARD TOO, SIR!
Uwaaaaaah! Don't look down on me with that voice, it's depressing!
SFX: CLATTER
SFX: TOSS
489
485 青木 義綱
IKURUMI AKUTO
484
476 桃井
13
TIRED
HEY, CHECK THIS OUT!
SFX: CLATTER
NOT GOOD
HAVE I ACTUALLY CAUGHT A COLD?
SFX: HOONK
OH?
A GIRL S SNEEZE HOW CUTE
Achoo!

SERIO-USLY!?
IKURUMI FELL TO 6TH PLACE!
全国共通模試
順位表(東京
GUESS HE S ONLY INVINCIBLE AT SCHOOL!
Serves him right!

2,534TH PLACE..
AT THIS RATE HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO BRAG IN SCHOOL EITHER...
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HE'S BEING TOTALLY CARELESS!
6TH PLACE?
I MEAN SERIOUSLY, GOING FROM THE TOP TO 6TH PLACE?
FIVE PEOPLE BEAT HIM!

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3,624TH PLACE
2,817TH PLACE
3,835TH PLACE...

WH-
WHAT THE HECK, YOU JERK!
THESE PEASANTS
RAMMING THEIR MOUTHS IS TIRING ME OUT
I'LL JUST GO HOME
SFX WHOOSH
I SPENT TOO MANY DAYS FOCUSED ON BUILDING THAT CASTLE
HOWEVER
JUST OUT OF THE GATE
15
Hea
Hea
THIS IS BAD...
I CAN BARELY STAND
SFX WOBBLE WOBBLE
Huff
Huff
HUH?
A GENERAL WITH HIGH WILLPOWER AND THE POWER TO CONTROL... IT'S THE BEST
Entranced...

SFX: PISSED OFF

SFX: STAGGERS

!!!
Hey, you!
A LADY GOT!?
IT'S A WASTE OF TIME JUST GETTING INVOLVED WITH THEM BUT I CAN'T IGNORE THIS.
WHETHER IT'S SCHOOL OR SOCIETY
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO THERE'S A BUILD-UP OF THESE TRASH.




SFX: SMACK // CRACK

SFX: SLINK DOWN

Kurihiki-sensei!
.....
ドサ!!
.....
...WHERE AM I?
WE SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE LIKE IKURUMI!
ARE THESE MY MEMORIES?
THIS IS BAD... IS MY LIFE FLASHING BEFORE MY EYES?
IKURUMI'S FATHER IS A RICH AND POWERFUL MAN, RIGHT?

IT WAS MUCH EASIER TO BE ALONE FROM THE START...
THAT'S RIGHT...
I WAS SURROUNDED BY WORTHLESS PEOPLE...
I be-ith a cat.
A CAT?
WHAT IS THAT?
HM?
.....
I have not yet
a name.
!!?

HERE I SAW FOR THE FIRST TIME THE CREATURE CALLED "A HUMAN"
THE LANGUAGE
IT'S THE OPENING FROM "I BE WITH A CAT" THAT WE READ IN CURRENT LANGUAGE CLASS TODAY
WAIT A SECOND, A CAT IS SPEAKING?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
"HOWEVER,
AT THE TIME I WAS NOT THINKING ANYTHING,
SO ON ANOTHER LEVEL I ALSO WAS NOT AFRAID"
NO THE CAT WON'T SPEAK NOW
SOMEONE IS READING!
"ONLY,
RESTING UPON HIS HANDS,

AND THEN,
BEING GENTLY LIFTED UP,
THERE WAS ONLY A SOMEWHAT SOFT AND WARM FEELING THERE.
SFX: WHOOSH

IF IT'S SOMEONE READING, THEY ARE QUITE SKILLED
THIS TONE SOUNDS EXACTLY LIKE THE NARRATOR, A YOUNG TOM CAT SHOULD
THE SIGHTS FROM THE CAT'S PERSPECTIVE
THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION TO GO WITH IT
JUST BY LISTENING I CAN IMAGINE THEM ALL
"SETTLING SILENTLY IN THE HOUSEBOY'S PALMS AND LOOKING INTO HIS FACE, IT WAS CERTAINLY THE FIRST TIME I HAD SEEN THIS THING CALLED A HUMAN."
WHO
JUST
IS READING...?

"THE FACT THAT I THOUGHT IT A STRANGE THING REMAINS WITH ME EVEN NOW."
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SFX GLANCES ABOUT

BACKGROUND KIDNAPPING CONFINEMENT MIND CONTROL HUMAN SACRIFICE ABANDONED MANHUNT

IT MEANS "ONE WHO ACCOMP-LISHES."
WHAT A GOOD NAME!
AKUTO!?
No homo, right?
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE,
AKUTO!
IT'D BE ANNOYING IF YOU WENT HOME NOW
BUT YOU CAN GO HOME WHENEVER YOU WANT
LET ME GO ALREADY!
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?!
WHAT?
AFTER ALL, WE ARE NEIGHBORS

SO I KNOW A LOOOOT ABOUT YOU AKUTO
TINK TINK
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
WE MOVED HERE THREE YEARS AGO
phew
I FEEL A BIT RE LIEVED
WHAT THE HECK, INDEED YOU'RE WEARING THE JUNIOR HIGH UNIFORM FROM MY SCHOOL. HUH

IKU RUMI AKUTO
BORN SEPTEMBER 30TH, BLOOD TYPE A, SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
JAPAN'S GREATEST HONOR STUDENT, AND GREAT AT SPORTS!
I TAKE IT ALL BACK!!!
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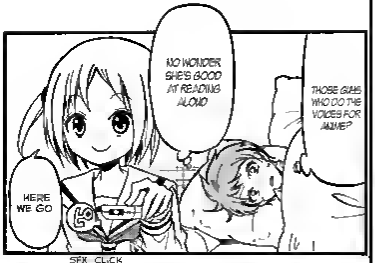
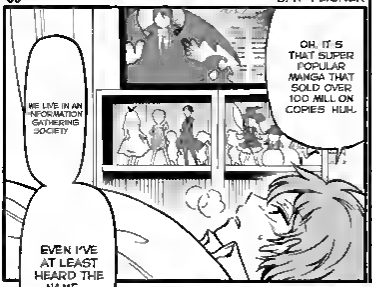
IN THE TOP PERCENTILE SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG IT'S SAID YOU'LL DEFINITELY GET INTO T UNIVERSITY
YOU'RE FOCUSED ON YOUR STUDIES IN ORDER TO FOLLOW THE SAME PATH AS YOUR FATHER AND BECOME A POLITICIAN
YOU'RE PERFECT IN EVERY THING YOU DO
ON THE OTHER HAND
YOU THROW AWAY YOUR TESTS!
100
YOU CALL OTHER STUDENTS BY THEIR GRADE RANK NUMBER
AND YOU MAKE GIRLS WHO CONFESS TO YOU CRY ON THE SPOT!
YOUR TURRID EYES WITH NO MOTIVATION!
THAT ARROGANT AND SELFISH ATTITUDE!
BUUUT!!

INSIDE YOUR COLD AND HARDENED HEART,
YOU CONCEAL YOUR LONE-LINESS.

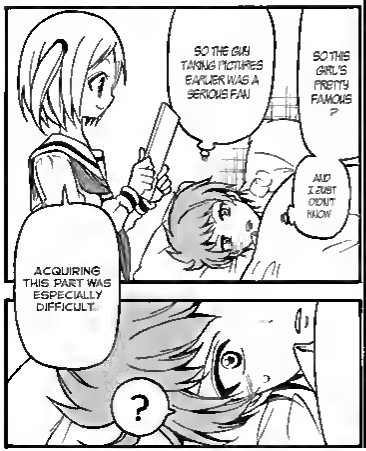
FROM WHAT I'VE RESEARCHED YOU HAD PLENTY OF FRIENDS DURING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Hmm
IT MUST HAVE BEEN THOSE SUS-CEPTIBLE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS.
HEY!
SNEAKING AROUND AND DIG-GING UP STUFF ABOUT ME...
UNFOR-TUNATELY
I AM NEITHER.
slide
ARE YOU A STALKER? OR MAYHE SOME KIND OF INVES TIGATOR?

I'M HARUSAKA NARI.
名探偵ドイル
I'M A VOICE ACTOR!




OH, IT'S THAT SUPER POPULAR MANGA THAT SOLD OVER 100 MILL ON COPIES HUH.
WE LIVE IN AN INFORMATION GATHERING SOCIETY
EVEN I'VE AT LEAST HEARD THE NAME...

CAST: KOROSAKI – HARUSAKA NARI


SO THE GUY TAKING PICTURES EARLIER WAS A SERIOUS FAN
SO THIS GIRL'S PRETTY FAMOUS?
AND I JUST FOUND KNOW
ACQUIRING THIS PART WAS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT.
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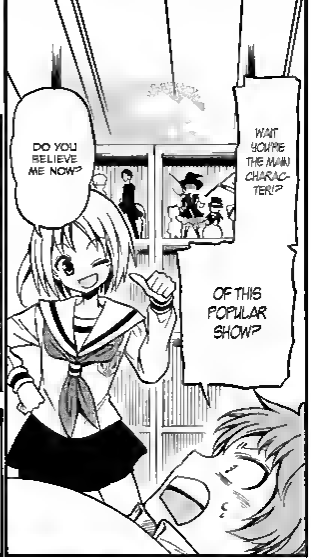
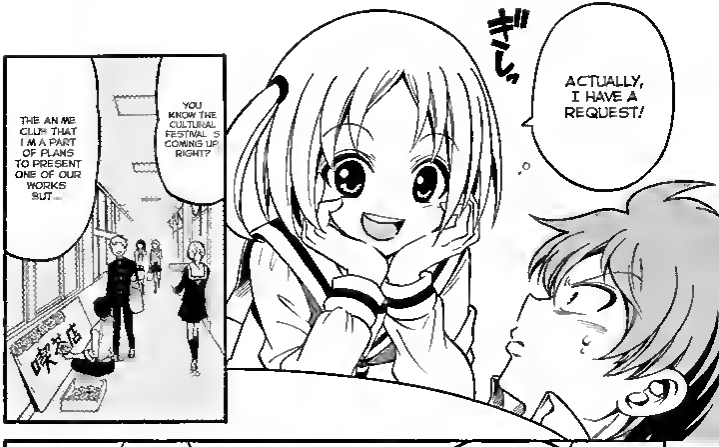
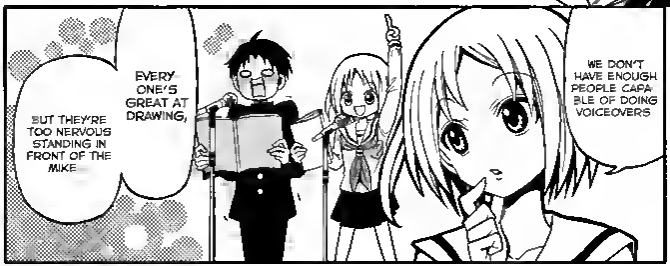

DO YOU BELIEVE ME NOW?
WAIT YOU'RE THE MAIN CHARACTER!?
OF THIS POPULAR SHOW?

I THOUGHT SOMEONE LIKE THAT ONLY EXISTED IN FICTION,
I RE-SEARCHED YOU AS MY CHARACTER BUILDING FOR THE AUDITION
BUT THEN I REALIZED THERE WAS ONE RIGHT NEXT DOOR

NOPE!
THEN WHAT YOU TIED ME UP SO YOU COULD THANK ME?

*BLACK JUDGEMENT*, WHOSE STAGE IS A COURT OF LAW
THE MAIN CHARACTER MAKES A CONTRACT WITH A DEMON IN ORDER TO SAVE HIS LITTLE SISTER
THEN HE USES THE POWER HE RECEIVED TO CONTROL PEOPLE LIKE PAWNS AND WIN HIS CASES. HE'S A CRIMINAL LAWYER


ACTUALLY, I HAVE A REQUEST!
YOU KNOW THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL'S COMING UP RIGHT?
THE AN ME CLUB THAT I'M A PART OF PLANS TO PRESENT ONE OF OUR WORKS BUT...


WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE CAPABLE OF DOING VOICEOVERS
EVERY ONE'S GREAT AT DRAWING,
BUT THEY'RE TOO NERVOUS STANDING IN FRONT OF THE MIKE...

SEIYUU VOICE ACTOR

WHO THE HECK WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN IT!
YES THERE IS.
THE "BIG BROTHER" APPEAL FOR HELPING OUT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
ALSO, YOU CAN MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL VOICE.
IF YOU DO THAT, EVERYONE WILL RECOGNIZE WHAT A GOOD PERSON YOU REALLY ARE AKUTO!

IT'S A WONDERFUL THING TO BE ABLE TO MOVE SOMEONE'S HEART!
WORK WITH US FOR THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL,
AKUTO!

NOT TO MEN TION JUST PICKING UP SOMEONE WHO COLLAPSED ON THE STREETS, CARRYING THEM TO YOUR ROOM, AND THEN DEMANDING THEY HELP YOU? DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME!
PLUS AN ANIMATION MADE BY AMATEUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS?
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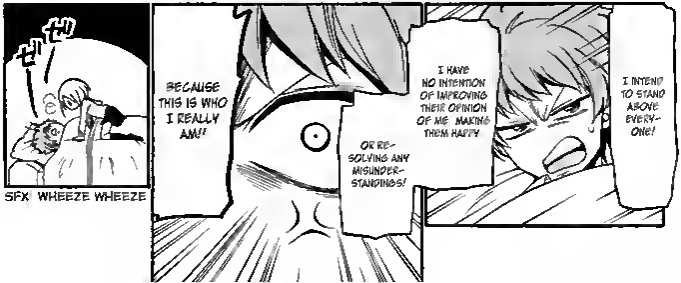
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PARTI CIPATE IN SOME RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY THAT WOULD DO FINE WITH OR WITHOUT ME?



SFX: GETTING PROGRESSIVELY MORE PISSED OFF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BECAUSE THIS IS WHO I REALLY AM!!
OR RE- SOLVING ANY MISUNDER- STANDINGS!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF IMPROVING THEIR OPINION OF ME MAKING THEM HAPPY
I INTEND TO STAND ABOVE EVERY- ONE!

SFX: WHEEZE WHEEZE

THEN WHY DO YOU CALL PEOPLE BY THEIR RANKING NUMBER?
.....
WHAT?
THE REASON YOU CAN CALL THEM BY THEIR RANKING NUMBER IS BECAUSE YOU KNOW THEIR NAME AND RANK.
3,424TH PLACE.
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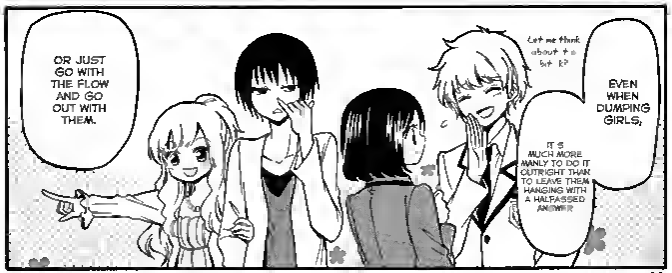
EVEN IF YOUR MEMORIZATION SKILLS ARE HIGH, THAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T DO UNLESS YOU HAVE AN INTEREST THOSE PEOPLE.


EVEN WHEN DUMPING GIRLS,
Let me think about it a bit !?
IT'S MUCH MORE MANLY TO DO IT OUTRIGHT THAN TO LEAVE THEM HANGING WITH A HALF-ASSED ANSWER
OR JUST GO WITH THE FLOW AND GO OUT WITH THEM.

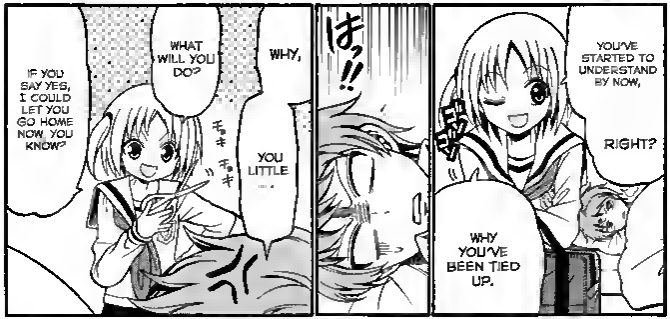
I...
DON'T SAY SOMETHING DISGUSTING LIKE BEING NICE !
WANT TO HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ALL THE RIDICULOUS THINGS THEY SAY AND DO!

THAT'S YOUR WAY OF BEING NICE TO THEM, RIGHT?
CUT IT OUT!!

THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T DO WITHOUT INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE, RIGHT?
GRR!
SFX: BLUSHES
I MEAN, ISN'T THAT RIGHT? WHILE WATCHING AKUTO
I COULD SEE YOU HAVE GOOD GRADES AND YOUR FUTURE IS SET.
YOU SHOULD BE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR WHO YOU WANT TO BE. AND YET...

YOU ALWAYS...
SEEM KINDA BORED.

SFX TWITCH


IF YOU SAY YES, I COULD LET YOU GO HOME NOW, YOU KNOW?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
WHY, YOU LITTLE...
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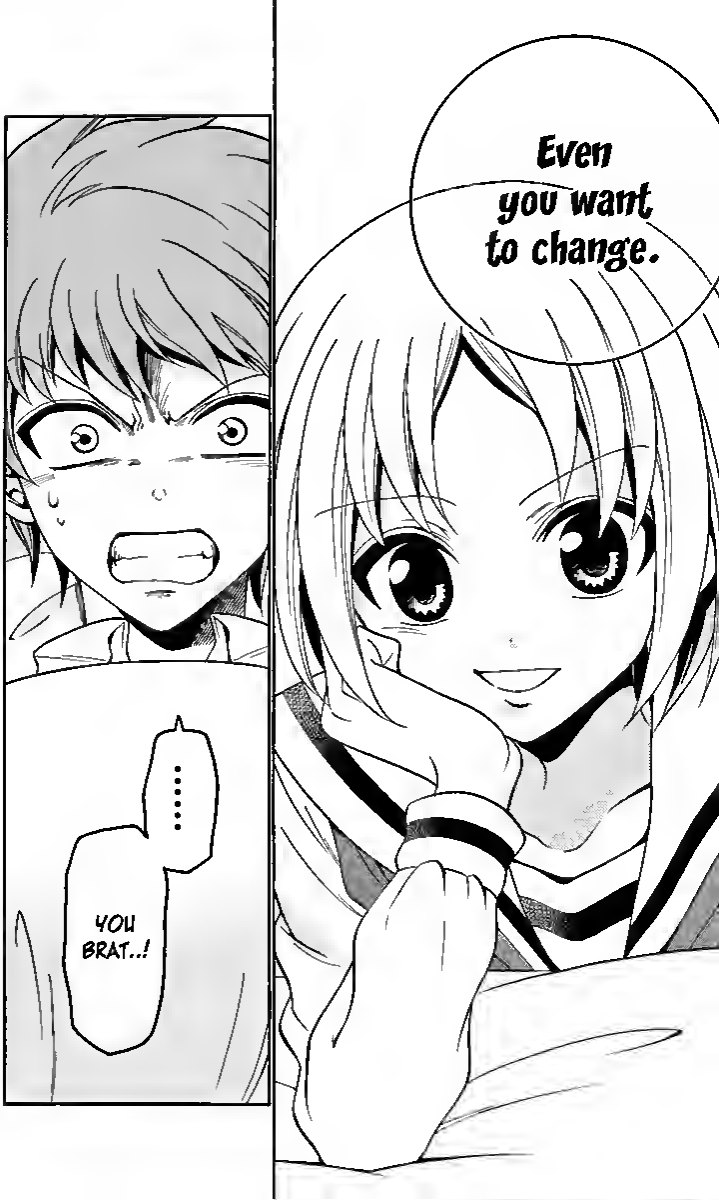
YOU'VE STARTED TO UNDERSTAND BY NOW,
RIGHT?
WHY YOU'VE BEEN TIED UP.

SFX SNIP SNIP SFX GASP

THAT'S EXACTLY HOW I THOUGHT YOU WOULD REACT
AS EXPECTED OF AKUTO.
Yep yep
BUT TRUTH-FULLY...
I'LL SUE YOU FOR KIDNAPPING AND IMPRISONMENT,
YOU JINX!
I'M NOT GONNA JOIN!


Even you want to change.
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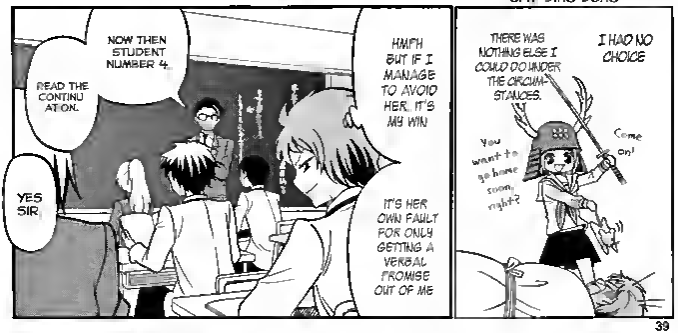
YOU BRAT..!

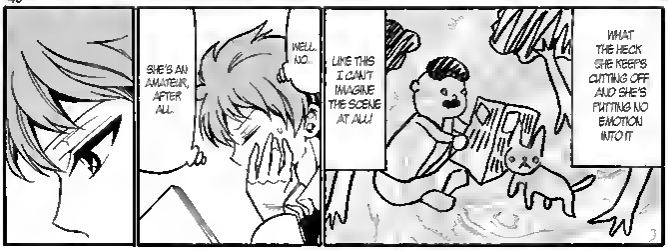
SFX: DING DONG


NOW THEN STUDENT NUMBER 4,
READ THE CONTINU ATION.
YES SIR.
HMPH BUT IF I MANAGE TO AVOID HER, IT'S MY WIN
IT'S HER OWN FAULT FOR ONLY GETTING A VERBAL PROMISE OUT OF ME
I HAD NO CHOICE
THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD DO UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES.
You want to go home soon, right?
Come on!

I WAS GREATLY DIS...
"IN THE DAYS THAT I LIVED IN THAT HOUSE,
DISLIKED BY ALL EXCEPT MY MASTER.
EVERYWHERE I WENT, I WAS DR DRIVEN AWAY, AND NO ONE WOULD PAY ME ANY ATTENTION."

SHE FREAKING SUCKS!!




WELL, NO.
SHE'S AN AMATEUR, AFTER ALL.
LIKE THIS I CAN'T IMAGINE THE SCENE AT ALL!
WHAT THE HECK SHE KEEPS CUTTING OFF AND SHE'S PUTTING NO EMOTION INTO IT

I WONDER HOW SHE WOULD READ IT...
IF IT WERE HER,

DAMMIT!
GET OUT OF MY HEAD, YOU HATEFUL FILL-RAG!
DISAPPEAR!
HOW SHE'D READ IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, RIGHT!?
SFX: SLAM!
SFX: GASP!

AS USUAL,
THE LOWER CLASS WILL WHISPER ABOUT ANYTHING.
SFX: SCOFFS
SFX: WHISPER WHISPER
DUDE, IS HE OKAY?

HEY, IKURUMA
ARE YOU REALLY DOING OK?
WE'LL END HERE FOR TODAY
SFX: DING DONG

FOR THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL
YOU'RE GONNA BE A VOICE ACTOR FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANIME CLUB, RIGHT?
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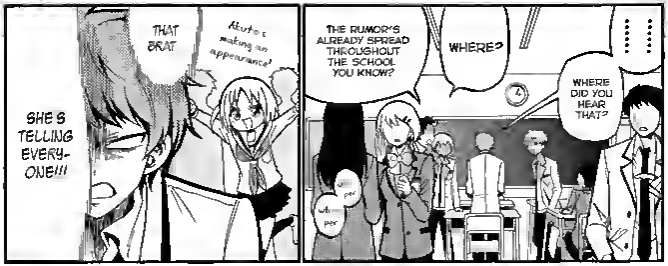
SFX: CLATTER


SHE'S TELLING EVERY-ONE!!!
THAT BRAT
Akuto's making an appearance!
THE RUMOR'S ALREADY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YOU KNOW?
WHERE?
WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT?

!?
I SERIOUSLY MISUNDER-STOOD YOU!
EVEN YOU HAVE A HUMAN HEART, HUH?
YOU'RE TOO NICE, HELPING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS LIKE A BIG BROTHER.
I GUESS LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING, HUH.

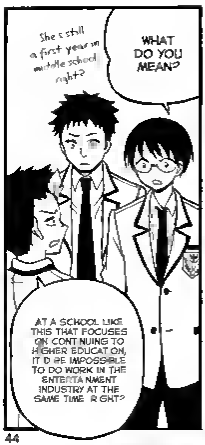
YOU'RE ACTUALLY A NICE PERSON, IKURUMI!
I'M RETHINKING MY OPINION OF YOU.
YOU'VE GOT GUTS MAN!
PERFORMING TOGETHER WITH THAT FORMER GENIUS CHILD ACTOR HARUSAKA NARI
I WAS SO MOVED!

SFX: BEING ALL EXCITED

Meow! Cut-line!
THESE GUYS ARE THEY PLANNING TO AMBUSH ME ONCE I LET MY GUARD DOWN?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WE'LL GO SEE YOUR PERFORMANCE!
GOING HOME!
I'M

SFX SMACK 43

I GUESS IT'D PRETTY HARD TO SAY YOU'RE GONNA PARTICIPATE, HUH?
ARE THEY GOING TO MOB ME? AS EXPECTED OF THE FOOLISH MARIBEM
EVEN IF IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEONE WHO'S GONNA QUIT SCHOOL...
SFX: STOPS


She's still a first year in middle school, right?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
AT A SCHOOL LIKE THIS THAT FOCUSES ON CONTINUING TO HIGHER EDUCATION, IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO WORK IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AT THE SAME TIME, RIGHT?

...QUIT SCHOOL...?

I WOULDN'T WANNA EMBARRASS MYSELF!
HA HA HA
So true!
TO TRY AND WORK WITH A PRO LIKE HER. .
I MEAN, I TOTALLY GET WANTING TO HELP OUT IF YOU'RE ASKED, BUT ISN'T IT SCARY?
EVEN WITHOUT STUDYING SHE ALREADY HAS A JOB
WELL, IT'S NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT?

YOU GUYS ARE JUST TRASH IN EVERY WAY, AREN'T YOU?
SFX: HMPH

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION'S ANIME CLUB
AT THIS RATE YOU'LL HAVE TO PLAY ALL THE CHARACTERS BY YOURSELF NARI
HEY, WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE DUBBING?
LIKE I THOUGHT KURUMI'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
W-
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
IT'S OKAY!
THERE'S NO WAY KUKUMI WILL COME!
CAUSE AKUTO IS GONNA COME!
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WAIT A SECOND!!
AFTER I WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF DRAWING IT...
CUT THIS SCENE?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
HE'LL COME, HE PROMISED!
THEN WILL YOU DO THE DUBBING FOR IT?
U-UH I...
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE...

SFX: SLAM!

HE CAME !!!
No waaay !!!
AKUTO !!!
Hey! You blabbed about me through out the school, didn't you!!
?
I DIDN'T!
IT'S CAUSE EVERYBODY IS WORKING SO HARD
EVEN IF I DON'T SAY ANYTHING, IT NATURALLY ATTRACTS PEOPLE'S ATTENTION.

WELL... WE ALL GET MOTIVATED HAVING A PRO LIKE NARI DO THE VOICE-OVERS.
PLUS, WE'RE GETTING IKURUMI TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE...
You have such a good voice...
NOT TO MENTION IT'S NARI'S LAST CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

THAT YOU WERE QUITTING SCHOOL?
WHY D'DN'T YOU TELL ME
.....
EVEN IF I DIDN'T TELL YOU, YOU WOULD STILL HELP US OUT, RIGHT?

BECAUSE YOU THREATENED ME!!
And then I ate up like a sushi roll!
A ha ha ha ha!
Yes
WAS IKURUMI THE TYPE TO TALK THAT MUCH?
IT'S QUITE UNEXPECTED...

SFX: SLAM

Nagaaaaa!
It's dangerous with all these cards so don't run here!
Sorry, sorry
WHAT A WEIRD GIRL...

SO...
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WE'RE DOING ROMEO AND JULIET?
YEA.
Hmph
A ROMANTIC TRAGEDY BY SHAKESPEARE, SET IN 14TH CENTURY ITALY, ABOUT A MAN AND WOMAN FROM OPPOSING FAMILIES WHO FELL IN LOVE.
WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO DO A RECOGNIZED STORY

Name: Romeo
THE PROTAGONIST ROMEO IS THE MONTAGUE FAMILY'S ONLY SON
Age: 16
THERE ARE MANY THEORIES BUT HE IS THOUGHT TO BE ABOUT SIXTEEN YEARS OLD
Montague Only Son
HE HAD MANY FRIENDS AND HE WAS SOCIABLE TOO
HE HAD SOMEONE HE LIKED BUT HE SWITCHED OVER TO JULIET AFTER FALLING IN LOVE WITH HER AT FIRST SIGHT AT A BALL.
AND HE KILLS THE GUY WHO KILLED HIS BEST FRIEND

FOR A GUY FROM AN OLD FAMILY, HE WAS CERTAINLY AN IMMATURE LITTLE BRAT
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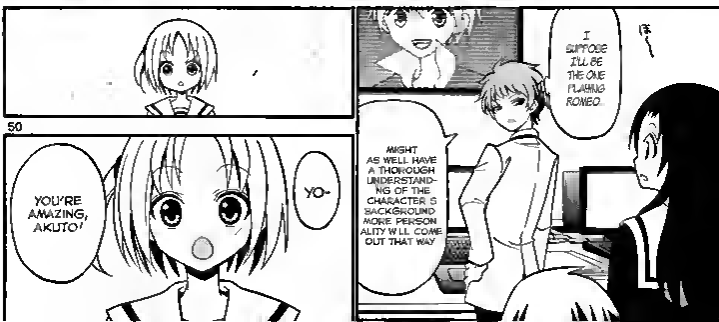
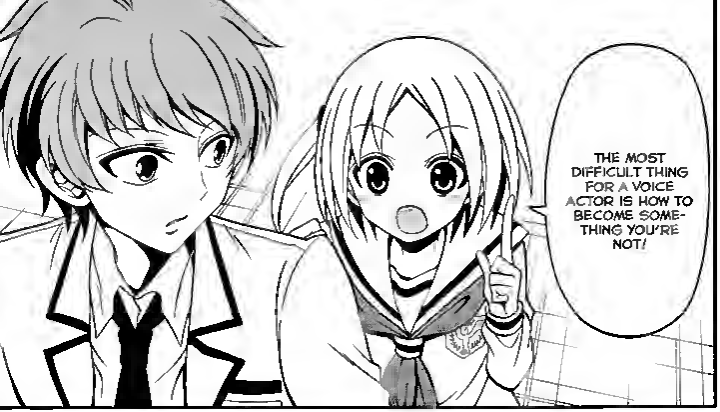

I SUPPOSE I'LL BE THE ONE PLAYING ROMEO.
MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARACTER'S BACKGROUND MORE PERSONALITY WILL COME OUT THAT WAY
YO-
YOU'RE AMAZING, AKUTO!


THE MOST DIFFICULT THING FOR A VOICE ACTOR IS HOW TO BECOME SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT!

THAT'S SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE FOR A FLESH AND BLOOD HUMAN.
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, THE REAL CHALLENGE IS IN WHETHER YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF PERSON THEY ARE.
TO BECOME SOMETHING WITH AN APPEARANCE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM YOUR OWN...
WHERE THEY ARE, AND WHAT KIND OF LIFE THEY'VE LIVED UP TILL NOW

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IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO BE LIKED BY THEM...
HA.
WE'RE NOT YOU LISTENING?
clatter
IKURUMA SURE IS CONFIDENT
I'VE DONE THAT ALREADY

SFX: NMPH

AS YOU SAID,
FOR ME TO GO SO FAR AS TO GET INVOLVED IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
I UNFORTUNATELY, BECAME INTERESTED IN ANOTHER PERSON BESIDES MYSELF
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE.
ONLY AT THAT MOMENT
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I MAY HAVE BEEN A BIT BORED
I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE,
OR BECOME ANYONE OTHER THAN WHO I AM RIGHT NOW.
BUT DON'T MISUNDER-STAND..
IT'S THAT,
WHILE I'M HELPING YOU GUYS OUT,

I WILL PROVE TO YOU THAT AS I AM,
WITH MY VOICE,
I CAN BECOME ANYTHING!
YEA...
IF IT'S YOU...
IF IT'S YOU, AKUTO, YOU CAN DEFINITELY DO IT!

YOU CAN BECOME THE PERFECT JULIET!

ゆあああーーーー!!!
AS I THOUGHT...
……
SFX: CLAP CLAP CLAP
SFX: YAY
FROM GETTING INVOLVED WITH OTHER LIFE FORMS.
NOTHING GOOD COMES
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THE FEMALE ROLE!? AKUTO LOSES IT! CHAPTER TWO IS ALSO A MUST SEE!